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(54) SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SURGICAL **GUIDANCE AND INTRA-OPERATIVE** PATHOLOGY THROUGH ENDO-MICROSCOPIC TISSUE DIFFERENTIATION

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(57)ABSTRACT

Systems and methods for image classification include receiving imaging data of in-vivo or excised tissue of a patient during a surgical procedure. Local image features are extracted from the imaging data. A vocabulary histogram for the imaging data is computed based on the extracted local image features. A classification of the in-vivo or excised tissue of the patient in the imaging data is determined based on the vocabulary histogram using a trained classifier, which is trained based on a set of sample images with confirmed tissue types.

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